Self-Government/Panchayati Raj Institutions, recognized and well established NGOs, established Self-Help Groups, Voluntary Organizations Mahila Mandals, Youth Clubs, Population Research Centres, Universities and Research Institutions for undertaking activities/research projects which are relevant for population stablization. The support to NGOs is meant to supplement the on-going Governmental programmes with a view to reaching out to underserved and unserved groups and areas.

(c) and (d) The vigorous promotion of the small family norm with a view to achieving the population replacement level fertility by the year 2010 is one of the 14 socio-demographic goals of the National Population Policy (NPP) 2000. An assessment about the success in attaining the goals of the NPP may have to await the compietion of the target period.

Funds for development

2431. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Planning Commission has evolved a multi-pronged strategy for efficient use of funds earmarked for development, both at the Centre and the States; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI SATYABRATA MOOKHERJEE): (a) and (b) In order to achieve more efficient use of funds earmarked for development both at the Centre and States, the Planning Commission has, *inter-aila*, taken the following steps:

(i) Zero based budgeting on all Centrally sponsored schemes and Central sector schemes.

(ii) Quarterly Progress Review of both Central Ministries and States.

(iii) Implementation of the Core Plan concept by the States.

(iv) Reform Linked Assistance of States in specific sectors.